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### (54) Method for downloading data to gaming devices

(57) Memories coupled to a gaming terminal, are reprogrammed by a method and apparatus which includes identification, negotiation, downloading and verification

information from an external information source to a gaming terminal. Hardware devices are used to identify gaming terminals or-components.

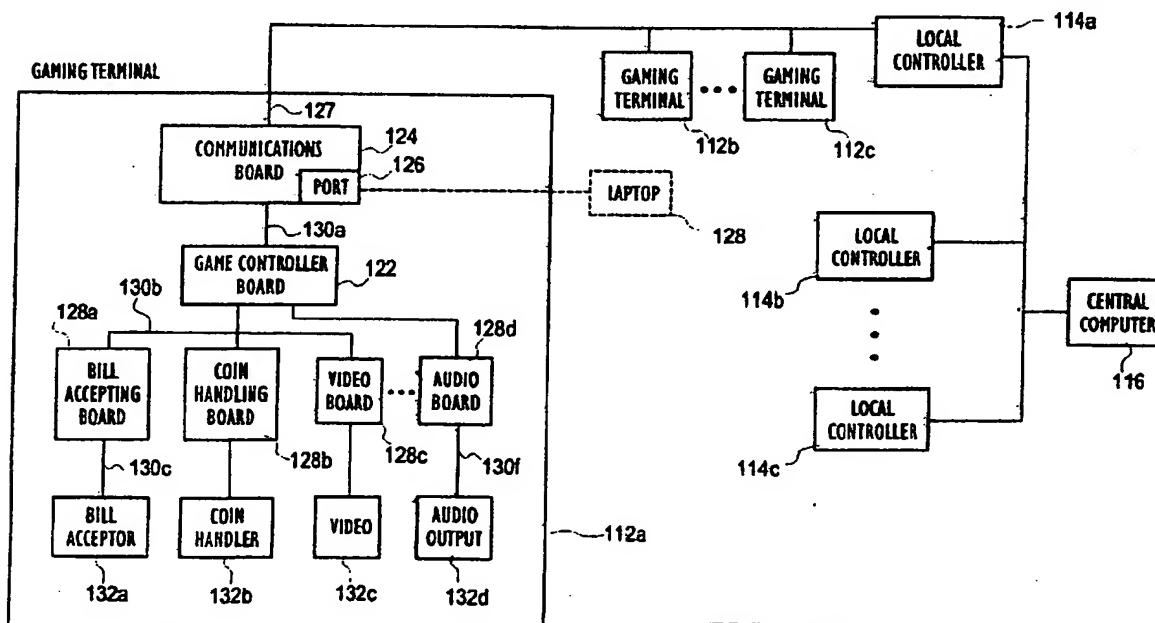


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